



CITY BUILDING, PALATKA, FLA.

G. LOPER BAILEY & CO.

Said a prominent New Yorker to the writer some months ago, "It is really a pleasure to find an insurance firm so scrupulously accurate in all its dealings as is your Palatka firm of G. Loper Bailey & Co. They are in very truth insurance specialists." The comment of the New Yorker will find ready seconds from all who have had business dealings with this firm.

Bailey & Co. are fire, life, accident, marine, plate glass and steam boiler insurance specialists and their business extends to all parts of Florida. They have a habit of looking well to the interests of their clients and their opinion on insurance matters is much sought.

They represent nearly if not all the great fire insurance companies of the country and the volume of their business in this department shows a wonderful annual increase.

Bailey & Co. are Florida managers of the Germania Life Insurance Co. This company has an honorable record of 45 years, during which time it has piled up assets of \$4,104,782. It writes all safe, desirable forms of life and endowment policies and pays dividends on them all.

Its management is conservative, careful. Its president, Cornelius Doremus recently said:

"No officer of this company at present receives, nor has any officer in the past ever received any personal benefit from the purchase or sale of securities by the company."

"This company does not control in whole or in part any trust company, bank or other corporation."

"The company does not make loans on collateral securities. The leading principle of the company from the time of its organization has been the safety of the assured, and consequently, in negotiating securities only bonds believed to be first-class are selected; and the company is distinguished for the conservativeness of its loans on bonds and mortgages on real estate."

The executive officers of the company are working officials and the salary of the president, who has been 15 years in the service, is but \$18,000.

In the light of the recent investigations in New York, these facts should be of great advantage to the conservative companies, like the Germania.

Any one contemplating life insurance should investigate the policies offered by this company, and Bailey & Co. will be pleased to furnish them rates and full particulars.

STANTON FOUNDRY AND MACHINERY CO.

The Stanton company is one of the big institutions of Palatka. From a small beginning eight years ago when Christopher Stanton started the Palatka Brass and Iron Foundry, the business of the present incorporated company reaches to all parts of the state.

The company does railroad and sawmill work, builds logging and phosphate trucks, small cars, gear wheels, etc., and builds and repairs locomotives, marine and gas engines and carries in stock bar iron and steel, iron and brass pipe, pipe fittings, valves, steam fitting, rubber and leather belting, packing, etc.

The foundry occupies a big block of land which it has leased from the Florida Southern Railway and the machine shops occupy 120 feet of river front next north of the Florida East Coast Railway bridge.

The present company was incorporated in March, 1904, with Christopher Stanton as president, and H. M. Montmolini, secretary and treasurer.

The company employs from 40 to 50 men regularly and as the majority are skilled workmen it is seen that the weekly pay roll of the company is considerable.

SELDEN CYPRESS DOOR COMPANY.

A VERY unsatisfactory view of this mammoth establishment is presented in this issue. The buildings of the company are low but cover a great deal of ground and it was impossible to secure a picture that would do justice in showing the amount of space really covered by the buildings.

The Selden Cypress Door Co. is the largest strictly cypress door, sash, blind and moulding factory in the world and its product, made of high-class gulf cypress goes to the large trade centres of the east almost exclusively. The daily capacity of the plant is 500 doors, 250 sash and blinds, and 30,000 feet of moulding. The company always carries a large stock of lumber, air dried, which is put through the best improved dry kilns.



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thus securing the proper degree of dryness.

The business of the Selden company was established here in October, 1896, Mr. Selden having previous to that time been extensively engaged in the same line of manufacture at Rome, N. Y.

The yearly sales of the company have steadily increased from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000.

The company employs nearly 200 hands and consumes over 7,000,000 feet of cypress lumber annually.

The average monthly output is 8,500 doors, 6,000 sash and blinds, and 750,000 lineal feet of moulding. These goods go mostly to the Philadelphia, New York and Boston markets, and yet here in Palatka, in Jacksonville and other southern cities—wherever fine building is attempted—you will see the finely finished doors of the Selden company.

Geo. B. Selden is president, treasurer and general manager of the company, and F. H. Wilson its secretary.

According to State Treasurer Knott's report to Nov. 30th, there is a balance in the treasury, in the various funds, of \$416,300.64.

W. A. MERRYDAY CO.

THE W. A. Merryday Company, whose advertisement appears on another page of this paper, has just closed the third year of its life as a corporation.

The business of this company was begun in a small way by its president, W. A. Merryday, 17 years ago and has grown until now the company occupies a floor space of nearly an acre.

The company does an exclusive wholesale business in hay, grain, feeds, flour, meal and grits, while it furnishes the farmer with fertilizer and all kinds of crate material.

Since the organization of the company the management of the business has been in the hands of its vice-president, H. O. Hamm.

This large concern has an admirable location for carrying on its business, being on the river front and on the tracks of the A. C. L. R'y, which enter their commodious warehouse. Any vessel that can come up the river to Palatka can come to the company's wharf loaded.

Many cargoes of fertilizers are discharged at this wharf each year.

Rev. Dr. Chas. A. Fulwood, who died at the Ocala M. E. Conference session, was buried at Tallahassee on Saturday. He was laid to rest beside the other members of his family.



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The Hotel Alcazar, St. Augustine, opened for the season last Saturday.

Everett E. Johns, deputy sheriff of Nassau county and former sheriff of Bradford county has been assassinated. Last Wednesday morning, a man claiming to be a fisherman, and giving the name of Abe Brown, came into the city (Fernandina) and swore out a warrant for a party named Doty, charging Doty with stealing his fishing nets. The warrant was given to Deputy Sheriff Johns to serve, and the deputy left town in his buggy, accompanied by the man, Abe Brown. Up to Friday nothing had been heard of Johns and searching parties were sent out after him. No one knew anything of the man Brown. Johns' body was found in a hammock Friday morning. He had been shot from ambush by some one behind him, and his body dragged into the hammock. His pockets had been rifled. Robbery, however, is not thought to have been the motive. Johns was a witness in the U. S. court against Alto Williams, charged with breaking and entering the Lawley postoffice two years ago. Johns was an Elk and a prominent Mason.

HE AVERTED A PANIC

A REMARKABLE CASE OF BRAVERY AND PRESENCE OF MIND.

Matsuki, the Juggler, Held an Audience Spellbound While the Theater Attended Were Fighting a Bad Fire Behind the Scenes.

Satsuma Matsuki, a Japanese juggler and acrobat, was filling an engagement at Burlington. His marked ability as a magician caused the opera house to be crowded every evening. One feat in particular interested his audience. Lying prone upon his back, he could toss a long, light table backward and forward in all conceivable positions to the tune of lively music, his tiny feet keeping the table perfectly balanced.

It was Saturday evening. Satsuma Matsuki had been performing for an hour. He had astonished his audience with a score of wonderful achievements, but as yet he had not performed with the table resting on his feet.

Matsuki passed into one of the dressing rooms to change his costume. Scarcely had he closed the door when he heard a sound that made his heart stand still for a moment—a crackling and a hissing—and the next instant a long tongue of flame leaped from the stairway, enveloping a window. Others in the rear of the stage discovered the flames at the same instant, and a fierce battle was begun between the attaches of the theater and the raging fire. For one brief instant Matsuki stood irresolute. The fire was confined within the dressing room of the right wing, and as yet no one in the audience had an inkling of the grave danger that threatened the house. Those fighting the flames knew that a terrible panic would ensue the moment that the spectators realized the danger. Matsuki understood the situation, too, and in that moment of hesitation he saw the part that he must act.

Matsuki was before his audience. He had placed the rug lastly in position that he might rest easily. A moment later and the orchestra commenced playing. Matsuki had balanced the table and was gracefully dancing it back and forth, keeping perfect time with his dainty feet. Shortly the measure of the music was quickened, and he was obliged to move more quickly. At one time the table would be at an angle of forty-five degrees and again at ninety degrees and the next moment perfectly perpendicular. The long table seemed fairly alive.

Meanwhile those fighting the fire had worked bravely, and success was crowning their efforts. They heard the music of the orchestra, and they knew that Matsuki was doing his part to hold the attention of the people. A few moments more and all danger of a stampede would be past.

"Fire!" Some one had seen a puff of smoke issue from the right wing of the stage.

"Year, fire!" And Matsuki sent the table nearly to the ceiling, turning a complete somersault in its flight. The audience shouted with delight.

For twenty minutes Matsuki had been in constant activity. The velvet stool upon his arms and temples like whiplarks.

"Fire!" Another had noticed a puff of smoke.

"Year, fire!" And again was the table hurled aloft and caught again with the same dexterity.

The conductor of the orchestra knew not what it all meant. At first he thought that Matsuki had gone mad. Never before had he dared so much. If he was mad, surely no one could deny his astonishing skill.

A moment later the stage manager walked across the stage and whispered something to Matsuki, at the same time placing the table on the floor. Matsuki was unable to rise. Attendees lifted the brave fellow and carried him behind the scenes. Very shortly the manager returned, and when he spoke his voice was sadly broken.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said he, passing his hand across his forehead, "I have no doubt that you have greatly enjoyed Satsuma Matsuki's performance this evening. He has well merited your generous applause, more, perhaps, than you imagine. I have to inform you that Satsuma Matsuki alone has stood between you and death for the past twenty minutes or more. The danger is past now, and you are free to leave this building, but permit me to say before you depart that our friend Matsuki has lost his entire magician's outfit, which cost him over a thousand dollars. Fire has completely destroyed his property. I leave it with you to do what is right, and those who desire to show their gratitude for what Matsuki has done this evening can meet me here on the platform."

There was no hesitation. A long line of men and women was quickly formed, and for an hour the manager received the contributions of those who wished to show their gratitude. When the amount was counted, pledges and all, something over \$1,500 was found—Forward.

**Time For a Change.**

What shall we do with our parents? There is my father ruining himself and me by his willful ignorance and my mother ruining us by her extravagances. It is a great development of the times that the ordinary child who is past twenty is altogether better educated, more experienced and wiser than are his parents! It has occurred to me to suggest that after the eldest child reaches twenty (i.e., parents should therefore come under the control of the children.—Letter in London Graphic.

**Belgian Shrimp Fishers.**

Horses play an important part in shrimp fishing along the Belgian coast. A procession of weather beaten fishermen starts from the shore, each man mounted upon the back of a trained horse, dragging the triangular purse shaped net which scoops in the shrimp as it passes over the sands. These fishermen on horseback frequently make hauls of several hundredweight in a single trip.

"David Harum," the novel written by the late Edward Noyes Westcott, netted the author's estate about \$125,000, according to a statement made in the surrogate's court, Syracuse, N. Y.



THE PUTNAM HOUSE, PALATKA, FLA. WILL OPEN FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.

LATE STATE NEWS.

Henry W. Bishop has been re-nominated for mayor of Eustis.

Hon. W. L. Palmer of Orlando was chosen orator for the Confederate Veterans reunion in Jacksonville this week.

The salary of the county superintendent of schools in Duval county has been raised to \$1,800.

The capital stock of the Naval Stores Export company, Jacksonville, has been increased to \$2,000,000.

Osceola county will have a local option wet or dry election on February 1st.

Floyd Green, 11 years of age, while rabbit hunting last week, accidentally shot and killed his cousin, May Meyers, aged 17, at Pine Level.

The chief of police in Jacksonville will purchase a pool table for use of members of the force when off duty.

The two lighting companies in Orlando have combined and the citizens are promised better lights.

THE GOVERNMENT DREDGEBOAT FLORIDA.

The government dredgeboat Florida, which is now doing work on the Indian River, has demonstrated that there is now a uniform depth of at least six feet of water in the East Coast canal. The Florida draws five feet seven inches of water and went through the haulover and other canals from New Smyrna to Grant's Farm, on the Indian River, where she is now at work in Government waters. The haulover has been dredged from three feet, as it was originally, to six feet, which it is now. The Florida will dredge the Indian River from Grant's Farm to Jupiter, making this stretch also a uniform depth of six feet, when it will conform with the canal Titusville Star.

Through the efforts of the Naval Stores Export Company, Jacksonville will hereafter be an "open market" for spirits and toms—a consumption which must inevitably make this city the leading naval stores center of the world. Arrangements have already been made by means of which prices for the coming season are fully guaranteed—a fact which it need not be said means a prosperous and profitable year for the producers in this state. When it is remembered that the crop just marketed has netted the turpentine producers of this state between five and six million dollars in excess of any previous crop, it will readily be seen that the Naval Stores and Export Company has done for the producers what no other agency could have accomplished, and that that organization has fully earned the confidence now reposed in it by the Florida operators.—Times-Union.



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Tampa has begun the work of laying 18 miles of vitrified brick paving.

B. C. Odum, a young farmer of Bradford county has sold 150 head of hogs in Jacksonville, at 25 per pound on the hoof. The hogs weighed 10,500 pounds.

Judge R. M. Call has sustained the validity of the race separation ordinance on Jacksonville's street railways. The victory was won by P. H. Odum, assistant city attorney, who argued for the constitutionality of the ordinance.

The University High school of Gainesville has been awarded a \$25 cash prize from the Florida Midwinter State Fair for its exhibit in the educational department. Competition was severe in this department, and Hon. W. N. Sheats, principal, has great cause for pride at the success of his school.

In the second trial of Jake Bradford at Jacksonville last week for the murder of John Pummer, white, Bradford was found guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation to mercy. He has been sentenced to prison for life. Bradford was a negro who worked for Pummer, and the latter's wife was originally implicated with Bradford in the murder.



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Gov. Broward has removed Hon. J. W. Perkins of DeLand from the office of county solicitor at the instance of James Alexander, and has appointed J. Hall Bramsey to the vacancy. Thus has the governor again demonstrated his purpose to take care of his own and punish those not of his way of thinking. But the governor can't injure Mr. Perkins' standing as a lawyer and a gentleman.

The common council of Miami will not allow a saloon to locate in that part of the city occupied by colored people on the ground that it would be "against the morality and good government of the city to grant the license."

The Honorable William Bailey Lamar Congressman from the Third Florida District has had a hit in the House of Representatives with John Sharpe Williams, the democratic leader and has come out second best. Lamar ought to have known better.

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

The Venerable Rev. Chas. A. Fulwood, Drops Dead on Conference Floor at Ocala.

Rev. Chas. A. Fulwood, D. D., probably the best known clergyman in the entire state, is dead after 69 years of active work in the ministry. And what an appropriate end!

Gathered at the annual conference of the M. E. church, south, at Ocala last Thursday were all his associates in the ministry of the church he loved so well. The aged minister, in feeble health, had come up to the conference to sit with his brethren for what he could see would be his last time on earth.

The old man was called upon to address the conference. He arose and in feebleness of voice addressed the gathering tenderly, referring to his long and arduous ministerial career.

As he closed his address the conference sang:

"Even down to old age all my people shall praise  
His Sovereign eternal, unchangeable love."

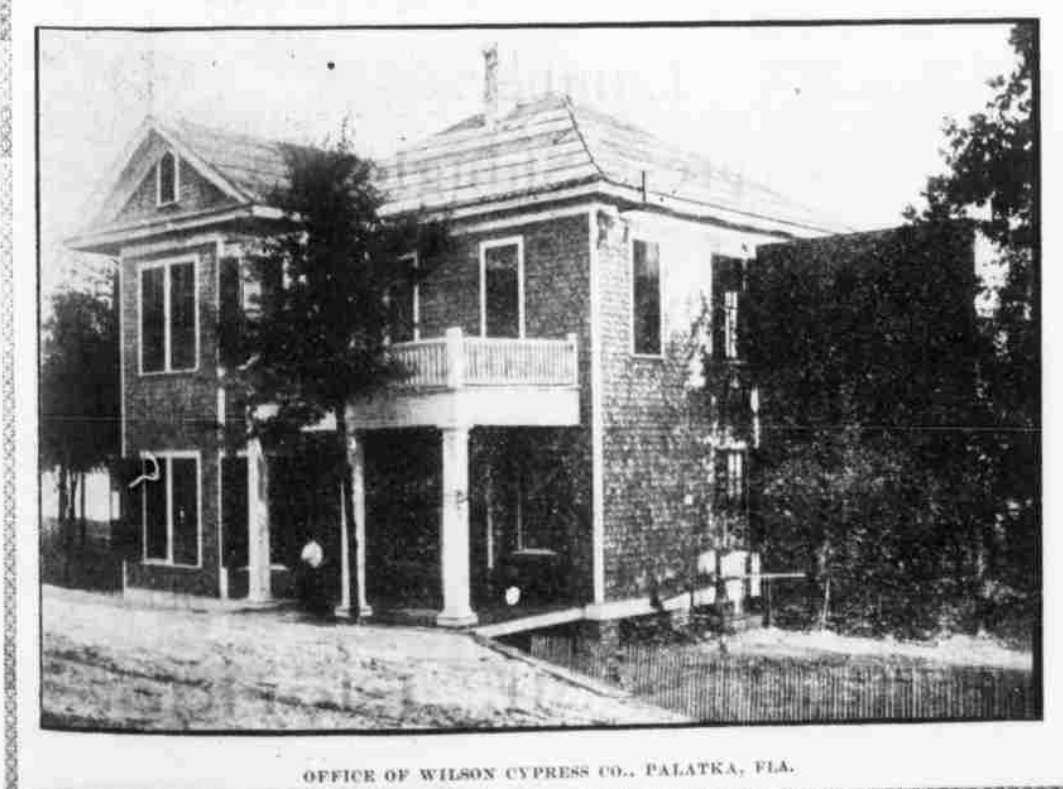
All the while the old man stood shaking hands with the brethren who came forward to greet him. Then he was seen to reel and lurch forward. Some of the ministers caught him and laid him on the church floor in an unconscious condition. A physician was summoned and administered restoratives, but to no avail. In a few moments it was announced that the soul of Chas. A. Fulwood had gone home to God.

As soon as his death was announced Bishop Chandler called the conference to prayer, and standing around the body of the fallen hero Rev. T. W. Moore, another venerable minister of the conference, commended the stricken wife to the loving mercy of God and asked his brethren to dedicate themselves to His service. There were tears in all eyes when the conference, out of respect to his memory, adjourned for the morning.

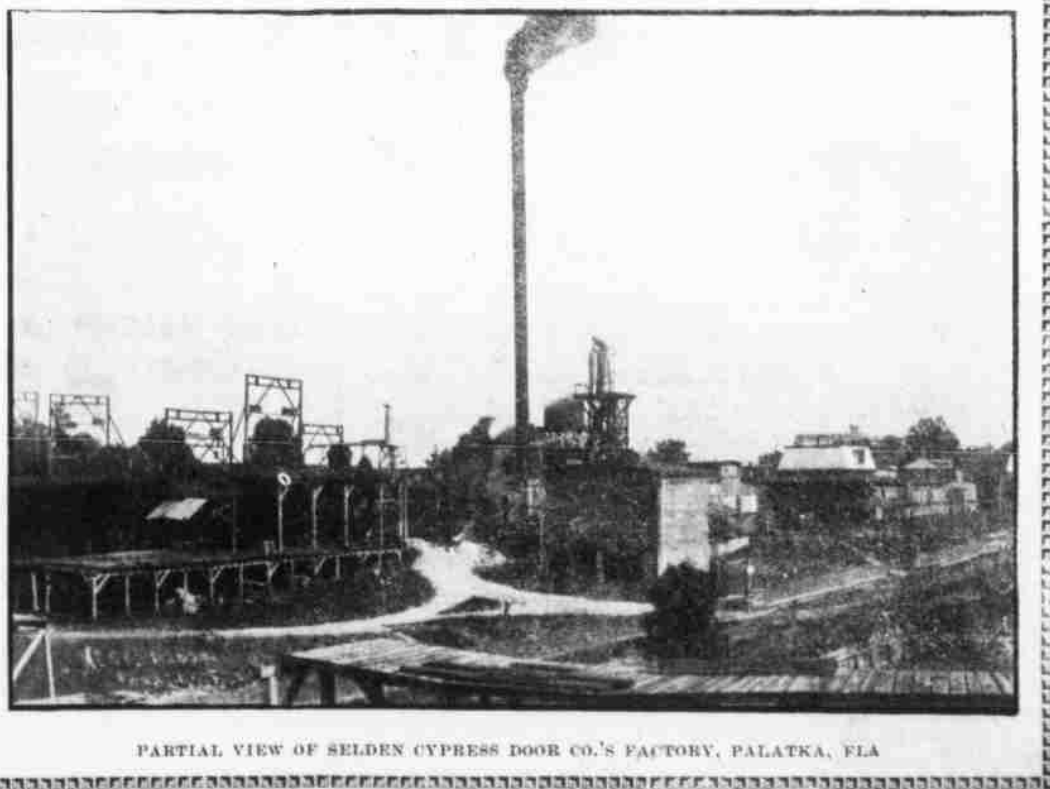
Rev. Chas. A. Fulwood had served sixty years in the ministry. Early in the present year he was obliged to relinquish his work on account of failing health. But for fifty-nine years he labored without a break, and during that long period was never but once out of his pulpit for more than three Sundays together. That was when he was detained at home with yellow fever.

Dr. Fulwood has served in all parts of Florida, and was one of the best known men in Southern Methodistism.

At the Florida Conference of the Methodist church at Ocala on Monday Bishop Chandler made the following appointments for the East Coast which embraces the territory from Palatka to Key West: S. W. Lawler, presiding elder; Key West, First church, E. A. Harrison; Key West, Second church, C. C. Cecil; Key West, Memorial church, W. A. Myers; Key West, LaTrinidad, M. Dominguez; Key Largo Mission, to be supplied; Biscayne Bay, to be supplied by R. L. Sharp; Lemon City, to be supplied; Delray, L. Ozer; Miami, L. D. Lowe; West Palm Beach, H. Hies; Fort Pierce and Stuart, T. W. Tonkies; Indian River Mission, to be supplied by Oliver Faus; Titusville Circuit, W. F. Albee; New Smyrna and Port Orange, J. M. Glazier; Daytona, J. E. Mickler; DeLand, R. L. Honiker; Fruitland, to be supplied; Volusia to be supplied by W. Louder; Palatka, J. F. Bell; Missionary to Cuba, H. W. Baker. Rev. Dr. Fred Pasco, former presiding elder of this district, business editor of the Florida Christian Advocate.



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PARTIAL VIEW OF SELDEN CYPRESS DOOR CO.'S FACTORY, PALATKA, FLA.